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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: THOMAS MAIER, T-2 EXAMINER: L. ODELL

SERIAL NO.: 10/620,487 GROUP: 1652

FILED: JULY 16, 2003

TITLE (AMENDED): A MICROORGANISM STRAIN TRANSFORMED WITH THE
Escherichia coli yfiK GENE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
AMINO ACIDS

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(2)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2005, for two months, from MAY 17, 2005 until July 17, 2005. Submitted herewith, under Rule 17(a)(2), is a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 15, 2005.

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